



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Wilmington, DE: June 14-16, 2005

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2005 meeting to be held at the Wyndham Wilmington Hotel, 700 King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 (telephone 302-655-0400), June 14-16, 2005. Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, June 14

10:00 - 1:00

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish

- Review Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2006 quota levels and associated management measures
- Develop recommendations for 2006 quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action

1:00 - 2:00

Lunch

2:00 - 5:00

Tilefish Committee with Advisors

- Review and discuss comments received during scoping process
- Review and discuss Amendment 1 options paper
- Select management measures for inclusion in DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) in support of Amendment 1

Wednesday, June 15

8:30

Council Convenes

8:30 - 10:30

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Specifications

- Review Committee's recommendations for 2006 quota specifications and associated management measures
- Develop and adopt 2006 quota specifications and associated management measures for squids, mackerel, and butterfish

10:30 - 12:00

Business Session

- Approve May Council meeting minutes
- Actions from May

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ASMFC

Council Liaison Reports

- New England Committee actions

Executive Director's Report

Status of MAFMC FMPs

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

- 1:00 - 3:00** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP - Framework 6 [Meeting 1]**
- Review options regarding sub-regionalization of state jurisdictions for recreational fishery, and utilization of multiple years for data analyses
 - Review and address compatibility with ASMFC's Addendum 17
- 3:00 - 3:15** **Framework 1 to Spiny Dogfish FMP**
- Ratify May action and adopt for submission to the Secretary
- 3:15 - 5:00** **Ecosystems Committee**
- Review draft background information for public meeting document

Thursday, June 16

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Executive Committee**
- Review SOPPs for needed changes
- 9:00** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 - 11:30** **Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications**
- Develop and adopt multi-year quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclam and ocean quahogs
 - Discuss options to require mandatory use of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) for both data reporting and enforcement purposes
- 11:30 - 1:00** **Council Committee Reports**
- Tilefish
 - Ecosystems
 - Executive
 - Highly Migratory Species
- Continuing and New Business**

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